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Title : Method and Apparatus for Measuring The Lifetime of an
Excited State in a Specimen

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in
response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 this paper and include
attached replacement sheets

Remarks begin on page 11 this paper.